



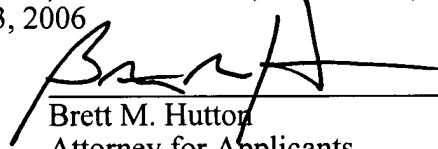
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**RESPONSE TO THE SECOND OFFICE ACTION
AND NOTICE OF NON-COMPLAINT AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the second non-final Office Action mailed on September 30, 2005 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated January 13, 2006, for the above-referenced patent application. A Response to the second non-final Office Action was initially due on or before December 30, 2005, and a timely Response was filed on December 21, 2005. Subsequent to this submission, a Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment dated January 13, 2006 was received. Since a response to the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment is due on or before February 13, 2006, this Response is timely filed.